

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the following paragraphs at pages 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the specification to read as follows:

The paragraph bridging pages 1 and 2 should read as follows:

This invention is related to Type II and Type III schemes, where the received (re)transmissions are combined. These schemes can be seen as a link adaptation technique, since the redundancy can be adapted according to the channel conditions as for example described in 3GPP TSG RAN, "Physical Layer Aspects of High Speed Downlink Packet Access TR25.848 ~~V5.0.0~~ V4.0.0" and in Amitava Ghosh, Louay Jalloul, Mark Cudak, Brian Classon, "Performance of Coded Higher Order Modulation and Hybrid ARQ for Next Generation Cellular CDMA Systems", Proceedings of VTC 2000.

Page 3, third full paragraph should read as follows:

High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA) is a new technique that is standardized (see for example, 3GPP TSG RAN "Physical Layer Aspects of High Speed Downlink Packet Access TR25.848" ~~V5.0.0~~ V4.0.0 or TSG RAN TR 25.308:

"High Speed Downlink Packet Access (HSDPA): Overall Description Stage 2", (V5.2.0). It shall provide higher data rates in the downlink by introducing enhancements at the Uu interface

such as adaptive modulation and coding. HSDPA relies on hybrid Automatic Repeat Request protocol (HARQ) Type H/III, rapid selection of users which are active on the shared channel and adaptation of transmission format parameters according to the time varying channel conditions. The invention is particularly applicable to HSDPA but is not restricted to this system.